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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2713

Dear Supervisors:

**AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT AND THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works, in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to enter into an agreement with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) for the District to become a member of the SCCWRP Storm Water Advisory Board.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the District, to fund a membership fee of \$75,000 for a one-year term of the District's participation as a member of the SCCWRP Storm Water Advisory Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

SCCWRP is a California Joint Power Authority comprised of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation; the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; the Orange County Sanitation District; the California State Water Resources Control Board; the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions); the City of San Diego Metro Wastewater Department; and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX. SCCWRP's long-term

objectives include conducting environmental research and assessing the condition of Southern California's coastal environment.

In recent years, as a result of changing environmental awareness and tightening regulatory framework, SCCWRP's work expanded to include scientific research into the interrelationships of treated wastewater and other water discharges to California coastal waters. As urban runoff was identified as a major source of contaminants to the ocean, SCCWRP realized that coastal water quality management is increasingly dependent on effective watershed management principles. With that in mind, SCCWRP's research began to focus on nonpoint source land-based influences on the ocean, including technical support for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development. Accordingly, SCCWRP sought to attract other governmental entities to participate in SCCWRP's mission, particularly stormwater permittees. In 2001, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (formally the Ventura County Flood Control District) became a member of the SCCWRP Storm Water Advisory Board.

The District's \$75,000 annual contribution will: (1) support periodic quarterly commission meetings, periodic scientific forums, and training efforts intended to raise important watershed management issues; (2) support publications and staff reports on scientifically based watershed management strategies that would benefit the District or aid the general public to better understand watershed management principles; and (3) provide an opportunity for the District to participate in quarterly commission meetings and quarterly meetings of the commission's Technical Advisory Group.

These tasks will yield important information for the District in decision making and policy formulation related to TMDLs and watershed management issues. We may return to your Board near the end of our one-year membership to request a renewal or upgrade to full membership.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The agreement will provide the District and your Board with information on watershed management principles and issues required for decision making and policy formulation.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost for a one-year term of participation is \$75,000. Sufficient funds to cover the costs are available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for adoption of this agreement.

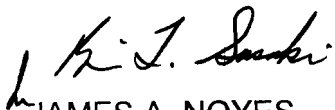
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project